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## Part LV

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

#### FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Ch. I

#### Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission voluntarily submits information about rulemakings under development. Of the 12 rulemakings listed, 6 are current or projected rulemakings, and 6 are completed actions.

**DATES:** The dates provided represent goals, not commitments, and may be revised due to shifts in workload,

changes in priorities, or extensive public comments. See the various dates listed for each specific rulemaking.

ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Person listed for each specific rulemaking.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,** *Acting Secretary.* 

#### Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
4470	Regulation of Short-Term Natural Gas Transportation Services	1902-AB74
4471	Complaint Procedures	1902-AB75
4472	Regulation of Interstate Natural Gas Transportation Services	1902-AB76

#### Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
4473	Administrative Determination of Full Avoided Costs, Sales of Power to Qualifying Facilities and Interconnection	1902-AB00
4474	Revision of Fuel Cost-Adjustment Clause Regulation Relating to Fuel Purchases From Company-Owned or Controlled Source	1902-AB58

#### Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
4475 4476	Treatment of Responses to FERC Form No. 580 Interrogatories	1902-AB57 1902-AB73

#### Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
4477	Elimination of Unneeded Pages in the FERC Form No. 1	1902-AB33
4478	Elimination of Unnecessary Filing Requirements From the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts Prescribed for Public Utilities and Licensees	1902-AB35
4479	Alternative Power Pooling Institutions Under the Federal Power Act	1902-AB59
4480	Secondary Market Transactions on Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines	1902-AB68
4481	Capacity Reservation Open Access Transmission Tariffs	1902-AB69

#### FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)

#### **Proposed Rule Stage**

#### 4470. ● REGULATION OF SHORT-**TERM NATURAL GAS** TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 15 USC 717 et seq; 15 USC 3301 to 3432; 42 USC 7101 to 7532; 43 USC 1331 to 1356

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 161; 18 CFR 250;

18 CFR 284

Legal Deadline: None

**Abstract:** The Commission is proposing an integrated package of revisions to its regulations governing interstate natural gas pipelines to reflect the changes in the market for short-term transportation services on pipelines. (Docket No. RM98-10-000.)

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/11/98	63 FR 42982
NPRM Comment Period End	11/09/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Phone: 202 208-2294 RIN: 1902-AB74

#### 4471. ● COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant **Reinventing Government: This** rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 551 to 583; 15 USC 717 et seq; 16 USC 791a et seq; 31 USC 9701; 42 USC 7101 to 7352; 49 USC 60502; 49 USC app 1 to 85; EO 12009

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 1b; 18 CFR 343;

18 CFR 385

Legal Deadline: None

**Abstract:** The Commission is proposing to revise its regulations governing complaints filed under the Interstate Commerce Act. the Federal Power Act. the Natural Gas Act, the Natural Gas Policy Act, and the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to encourage and support consensual resolution of complaints, and to organize the complaint procedures so that all complaints are handled in a timely and fair manner. (Docket No. RM98-13-000.)

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/06/98	63 FR 41982
NPRM Comment	10/05/98	
Period End		
Final Action	00/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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#### 4472. ● REGULATION OF INTERSTATE NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION **SERVICES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government: This** rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 15 USC 717 et seq; 15 USC 3301 to 3432: 42 USC 7101 to 7532; 43 USC 1331 to 1356

CFR Citation: 18 CFR ch 1 Legal Deadline: None

**Abstract:** The Commission is seeking comments on its regulatory policies for interstate natural gas transportation services in view of the changes that have taken place in the natural gas industry in recent years. (Docket No. RM98-12-000.)

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Inquiry	08/11/98	63 FR 42974
Comment Period End	11/09/98	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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#### Final Rule Stage

#### 4473. ADMINISTRATIVE **DETERMINATION OF FULL AVOIDED** COSTS, SALES OF POWER TO **QUALIFYING FACILITIES AND** INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 791a to 825r; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701; 42 USC 7101 to 7352

CFR Citation: 18 CFR 292

Legal Deadline: None

**Abstract:** The Commission has proposed to amend its regulations governing purchases and sales of electricity between electric utilities and qualifying cogeneration facilities and qualifying small power production facilities. (Docket No. RM88-6-000.)

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/22/88	53 FR 9331
NPRM Comment	06/14/88	
Period End	10/00/08	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

#### **Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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RIN: 1902–AB00

#### 4474. REVISION OF FUEL COST-ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE REGULATION RELATING TO FUEL PURCHASES FROM COMPANY-OWNED OR CONTROLLED SOURCE

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Local Authority: 16 LICC

**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 791a to 825r; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701;

42 USC 7101 to 7352

CFR Citation: 18 CFR 35
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Commission proposes to amend its regulations to state that where a regulatory body has jurisdiction over the price of fuel from a company-owned or company-controlled source, and exercises that jurisdiction to approve such price, the Commission will presume, subject to rebuttal, that the cost of fuel so purchased is reasonable and includable in the fuel adjustment clause. (Docket No. RM93-24-000.)

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/01/93	58 FR 51259

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	11/01/93	
Final Action	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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**RIN:** 1902-AB58

#### FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)

**Long-Term Actions** 

#### 4475. TREATMENT OF RESPONSES TO FERC FORM NO. 580 INTERROGATORIES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301 to 305; 5 USC 551 to 557; 15 USC 79; 16 USC 791a to 828c; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701; 42 USC 7101 to 7352

CFR Citation: 18 CFR 141; 18 CFR 388

Legal Deadline: None

**Abstract:** The Commission proposes to: codify an existing requirement for certain public utilities to file responses to FERC Form No. 580 interrogatories; provide for the filing of both hard copy and electronic copy; and provide that responses will not qualify for claims of privilege. (Docket No. RM94-5-000.)

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/01/93	58 FR 63312

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	03/04/94	59 FR 1690
Final Rule	00/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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#### 4476. ● REVISED FILING REQUIREMENTS UNDER PART 33 OF THE COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS

**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other

**Major:** Undetermined

**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 791a to 825r; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701;

42 USC 7101 to 7352

CFR Citation: 18 CFR 33

Legal Deadline: None

**Abstract:** The Commission has proposed to amend 18 CFR part 33 to update the filing requirements for applications under part 33, including applications for public utility mergers. (Docket No. RM98-4-000.)

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/24/98	63 FR 20340
NPRM Comment Period End	08/24/98	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

**Government Levels Affected: None** 

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**RIN:** 1902-AB73

#### FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)

#### **Completed Actions**

### 4477. ELIMINATION OF UNNEEDED PAGES IN THE FERC FORM NO. 1

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 18 CFR 141

Completed:

ReasonDateFR CiteWithdrawn08/28/98

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis** 

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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**RIN:** 1902–AB33

4478. ELIMINATION OF
UNNECESSARY FILING
REQUIREMENTS FROM THE
COMMISSION'S UNIFORM SYSTEM OF
ACCOUNTS PRESCRIBED FOR
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND LICENSEES

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 18 CFR 101

Completed:

Reason Date FR Cite
Withdrawn 08/28/98

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: James G. Baird

Phone: 202 219-2613 RIN: 1902-AB35

# 4479. ALTERNATIVE POWER POOLING INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE FEDERAL POWER ACT

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Major: Undetermined CFR Citation: 18 CFR ch 1

Completed:

ReasonDateFR CiteWithdrawn08/28/98

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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#### 4480. SECONDARY MARKET TRANSACTIONS ON INTERSTATE NATURAL GAS PIPELINES

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant **Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in

the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 18 CFR 284

Completed:

Reason Date FR Cite
Withdrawn - See RIN 08/28/98

1902-AB74

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis** 

Required: No

**Government Levels Affected:** None **Agency Contact:** Michael Goldenberg

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## 4481. CAPACITY RESERVATION OPEN ACCESS TRANSMISSION TARIFFS

**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other

**Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined

Major: Undetermined CFR Citation: 18 CFR 35

Completed:

ReasonDateFR CiteWithdrawn08/28/98

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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